GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2887
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2015
Derailment of Chennai-Mangalore Express Train
Venugopal Dr. Ponnusamy

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chennai-Mangalore Express Train derailed near Puvanur Station in Tamil Nadu recently;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Railways has instituted an enquiry into the mishap; and
(d) if so, the outcome of the said inquiry and the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2887 BY DR. P. VENUGOPAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2015 REGARDING DERAILMENT OF CHENNAI-MANGALORE EXPRESS TRAIN.
(a) & (b): On 04.09.2015 at 01:55 hours, while the Train No.16859 Down Chennai Express was on run between Puvanur and Vindhachalam Jn. Stations of Tiruchchirappalli Division of Southern Railway, its 2 coaches capsized and 3 coaches derailed. In this accident, 2 passengers suffered grievous injuries and 3 passengers suffered simple injuries.
(c) & (d): Statutory inquiry of this accident was conducted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS)/Southern Circle under the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The CRS in the provisional findings of his preliminary report has observed that the derailment was caused due to rail fracture. The accident has been classified under the category 'Failure of Equipment-Rail Failure'.
The action taken by Railway on the immediate recommendation of CRS includes imposition of suitable speed restrictions at locations having severe corrosion and patrolling of track during period when temperature is low. Track renewal has also been taken up at such locations prone to fracture.
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